

Wilson Will Open Red Cross Drive Here on Saturday

Will Deliver Address to Help Inaugurate Move for \$100,000,000

President Wilson last night authorized the announcement that he will come to New York on Saturday night and deliver an address in the Metropolitan Opera House, opening the Second Red Cross War Fund drive for \$100,000,000. He is coming here under the auspices of the finance committee of the National Red Cross War Fund, of which Cleveland H. Dodge is chairman. Mr. Dodge will preside. The only other speaker of the evening will be Henry P. Davison, of the National War Council. Mr. Davison has been in Europe since February, having visited all the war fronts, and is now on the way back. He is expected to arrive in time for the meeting.

The President's appearance will follow the big Red Cross parade on Saturday afternoon, which is expected to surpass anything of its kind ever seen here before. Among the features will be a knitting needle band, wherein a whole division of women will be equipped with special "singing" needles. These needles emit a peculiar ringing sound, and will be played by the women as they march along the line of the parade, knitting articles with the instruments at the time.

Mrs. August Belmont, speaking at a Red Cross rally at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last night, said that men are braver now than in any age in the history of the world. "I thought that bravery belonged to the age when 'Knights were bold,'" said Mrs. Belmont, "but the bravest are the men I have seen smiling in the hospitals of France under the most terrible tortures. Please, please help them," she pleaded.

At a noonday luncheon to the editors of the New York dailies yesterday William C. Breed, chairman of the second Red Cross War Fund Committee, described the organization of the campaign, the progress of the work and plans for the intensive campaign next week to raise this city's quota of \$25,000,000.

The number of participants in the small store agreement to donate 10 percent of one day's receipts to the Red Cross fund jumped from 20,000 to 30,000 yesterday, reported the special committee. This increase is in Manhattan alone, many thousands more being expected from the other four boroughs of the city.

Employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company were busy yesterday putting up large posters in the subway and elevated cars with the following appeal: "Every star in every service flag is a reason why all of us should give unsparringly to help the American Red Cross raise \$100,000,000 between May 20th and May 27th."

Alfred J. Johnson, treasurer of the Mayor's Committee of the Red Cross, has called the representatives of 116 county departments to meet in the Aldermanic Chamber of City Hall today to receive final instructions in the work of lining up the employees of the city for the fund.

A POSTER OF THE RED CROSS DRIVE



This poster was painted by W. B. King for the second Red Cross War Fund Drive, which starts Monday, May 20.

Stage Stars Help Boost Sales Of Tickets for Thrift Carnival

Stunts of various sorts, chiefly by professional entertainers, assisted yesterday in the sale of tickets for the Thrift Festival, which is to be held at the Polo Grounds on Sunday, June 2. Houdini, hanging head downward from the Tower of Madison Square Garden, wriggled out of an army straitjacket. Belle Story appeared in front of the Public Library riding Jennie, one of the Hippodrome's elephants, and squads recruited from the Stage Women's War Relief, the National League for Women's Service and other patriotic organizations toured the city in decorated automobiles.

Late last night it was estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 tickets had been sold. The day's sales of war savings stamps amounted to \$107,516, bringing New York's total to \$13,095,894.

A crowd of 5,000 gathered in Madison Square to watch Houdini, and employees of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company circulated through the crowd selling war stamps and tickets. While the stage was being set for the handclasp King, Speedy, a member of the Congress of Dadeville from the Garden, climbed a 100-foot ladder and dived into a tank on the roof.

Among the stars who went through the theatrical district were Frances Starr, Margaret Anglin, Chrystal Hume, Florence Nash, Ottola Nasmith, Jeanette Ragueard, Ellen Payson, Bijou Farnandez, Mrs. Shelley Hull, the Dolly Sisters and Mrs. S. I. De Kraft.

Performances were also given inside the theatres, and the thrift campaign benefited. Girls from the stage sold tickets in the audiences, the largest sales being reported from the Globe, the New Amsterdam, the Maxine Elliott, the Cohan, the Liberty and the Winter Garden.

At the Broadway Theatre nothing but thrift stamps were accepted at the box office.

Ask Hylan to Oust Hearst From Board On Mortgage Loans

Brooklyn Real Estate Brokers Base Request on Article in "American"

A delegation of the Brooklyn Board of Real Estate Brokers, headed by its president, William P. Rae, called upon Mayor Hylan yesterday to protest against the retention of W. R. Hearst as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Taxation and the investigation of Mortgage Loans. The board represents through its members thousands of small home owners. The delegation was unable to see the Mayor and left a letter for him which was adopted by the Board of Brokers at a regular meeting held Tuesday.

The real estate brokers based their protest against Hearst on an article on the financial page of "The Journal-American" on May 13 which said: "As to real estate mortgages I do not believe any funds whatever should be invested at this time," and declaring the renewal of mortgages at this time "can be considered bad business."

The letter, which was signed by President Rae, follows:

Some time ago you appointed a committee and directed it to "take up the subject of taxation, in conjunction with the Tax Commission, as to relieve the burden on real estate; also to investigate institutions and individual money lenders, who during these trying war times are unduly oppressing the small owner of real estate by calling mortgages, charging excessive rates in the name of patriotism, and in general using their power to reduce in value the most valuable asset that the City of New York has."

One of the prominent members of that committee was Mr. William Randolph Hearst, editor of "The Journal-American." In "The New York American," under date of May 13, 1918, page 12, there are headlines as follows:

"Diversify Your Investments, Banker Advises, and Keep Out of Mortgages During the War."

About the middle of the article it says: "As to real estate mortgages, I do not believe any funds whatever should be invested at this time."

Another paragraph reads in part as follows: "That this is one time in the world's history when a renewal of mortgages can be considered bad business, no matter how attractive the terms may be or what premium is offered for renewal."

The Brooklyn Board of Real Estate Brokers, representing through its membership many thousands of small home owners, was led to believe that the committee as appointed by you was intended as a helpful as well as a constructive one in the interest of property owners.

The article, as it appeared in "The American," under the leadership of Mr. Hearst, if carried out and advocated by your committee, means disaster to property owners and financial ruin to the city itself.

It is no time to preach financial disturbance. Do you think the editor and owner of a great newspaper, advocating the calling of mortgages on the homes of the people can properly serve the purposes of your commission?

It was said at the office of the Mayor that Mayor Hylan had received the letter, but had no comment to make.

Allies to Pool Supplies

LONDON, May 15.—The government, according to "The Daily News," partly as a result of representations by the Allies, particularly the United States and Italy, has decided to establish a board to correlate supplies of every kind needed by the Allies, including food, munitions, raw materials for manufacturers, oils and timber.

Salvation Army Fund Lacks \$100,000 Here

The Salvation Army has \$100,000 yet to find in New York toward its \$2,000,000 war fund, if this city is to make good on its quota of \$250,000. Only three more days remain in which to raise the money, for the campaign will end on Saturday night. Several gifts of encouraging amounts were received yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Markle gave five \$1,000 third Liberty Loan bonds. Cyrus Townsend Brady, the author, sent in a substantial check with a cheery letter, complimenting the Salvation Army for its practical work among the fighters in France, adding: "And when you have another drive, just call on me for another check, which I hope to make of larger size." Mrs. Russell Sage sent in her check for \$2,500, with a note of encouragement. An appeal from George Gordon Battle, that a group of financiers send \$1,000 each, brought responses for the amount from the following: Simon Guggenheim, J. E. Herwind, R. F. Patterson, Vernon C. Brown, Judge R. E. Lehman, C. H. Sabine and the Lorillard Tobacco Company. George F. Ward, president of the Ward Baking Company, sent in \$1,000 collected from his fourteen bakeries.

Negro Soldier Held for Camp Upton Murder

Layton James, a negro soldier of a religious turn of mind, who was on guard and joined in the search for the slayer, is the man charged with the murder of Mrs. J. Harry and Private Michael Maloney at Camp Upton on May 5. He is said to have made a confession, clasp as he spoke, the Bible that seldom leaves his person. James, who is known as "Oatmeal," belongs to Company C of the 367th Infantry, and was on guard duty on May 5. According to the confession he is said to have made, "Oatmeal's" air of authority as a sentry angered Maloney and a quarrel and fight followed in which Mrs. Harry sought to restrain the negro and was shot also. Lieutenant William L. Donohue of Camp Upton, in whose custody James was yesterday when taken to the Third Branch Detective Bureau, said the negro had been taken to a jail. He was not at Camp Upton nor would he be taken there, said Lieutenant Donohue, though he denied the reason he was not taken back to the cantonment was that the authorities feared that he would be lynched.

The prisoner is twenty-two years old and was working in a shipyard in Newport News when he was drafted last October. He had been at Camp Upton for five weeks.

Goethals Establishes 13 Supply Posts

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Decentralization of army supply purchasing and distribution, through the establishment of thirteen zones, with depots in each, was announced today by Acting Quartermaster General Goethals.

Each of the thirteen general supply posts will be charged with the duty of keeping in touch with the manufacturing facilities of its zone, and so far as possible all food, clothing and equipment for the training camps will be bought within the zone in which a camp is located.

Announcement Regarding Red Cross Week May 20th to 27th.

The Second Red Cross War Fund Committee of Greater New York appeals to the citizens for contributions to the Red Cross under the following plans:

1. **TEAMS CAMPAIGN**—31 teams, with ten members each, have been formed in Manhattan. Each team has been given the names of 800 persons upon whom they will call for contributions. Similar teams have been formed in other Boroughs. Pledges may be made payable during a period of four months, July 1st, August 1st, September 1st and October 1st.

Headquarters:—Woolworth Building—Telephone, Barclay 8400.

2. **CORPORATIONS CAMPAIGN**—Committees in various trades in all Boroughs will appeal for contributions from corporations in their respective trades, each trade reporting through the Corporation Committee of its Borough.

Headquarters:—1 Madison Avenue—Telephone Gramercy 6636.

3. **HOUSE TO HOUSE CAMPAIGN**—25,000 workers in Greater New York will conduct a house to house canvass, including offices and small stores, seeking contributions of \$1 to \$100 to the Red Cross War Fund. Contributions may be in cash or in pledges covering four months.

Headquarters:—1 Madison Avenue—Telephone Gramercy 6152.

4. **INDUSTRIAL CAMPAIGN**—Committees in various trades in all Boroughs will present an opportunity to the employees in factories and places of business employing more than 50 persons to make weekly or monthly contributions to the Red Cross War Fund for a period of one year, all contributions payable through the employer.

Headquarters:—120 Broadway—Telephone Rector 7600.

5. **PROFIT SHARING DAYS CAMPAIGN**—Trade committees have been organized so as to afford all retail stores of the city an opportunity to contribute 10% of their gross sales on a certain day during Red Cross Week to the War Fund. The campaign in Brooklyn is known as Retailers' Division, and it is asking for a percentage of sales for the entire week.

Headquarters:—5 West 34th St.—Telephone, Greeley 4319.

In the House to House Canvass a special subscription book entitled "Your Opportunity" has been issued to each authorized worker, in which all persons making contributions or pledges should sign their names. This book contains the following statement to the public.

"No money should be paid to any person other than an authorized worker, who will wear an official Red Cross badge and carry an official card of authority bearing the worker's signature, and countersigned by the Chairman of the War Fund Committee."

"Any person paying money to a worker is entitled to a receipt and should see to it that the signature on the receipt is the same as the signature of the worker at the top of the inside front cover page of the book."

Any solicitations prior to Monday, May 20th, are unauthorized.

Any solicitations at any time by any person under 18 years of age are forbidden.

No money should be paid to any one who is not an official worker carrying full authority of the War Fund Committee.

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